



# SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

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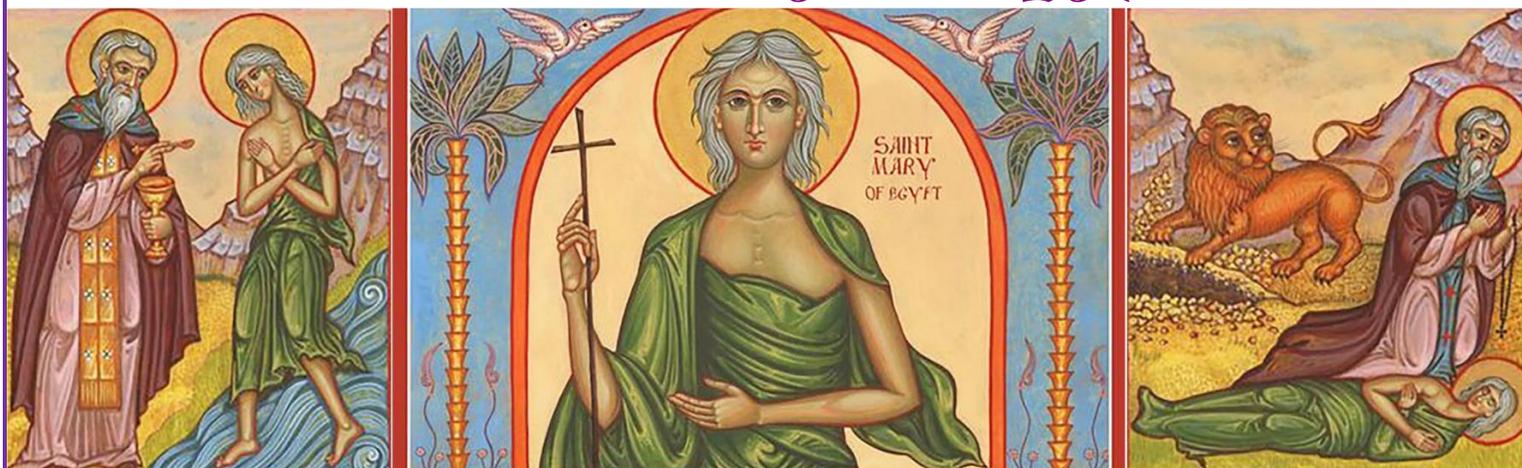
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Bishop ANTHONY

“One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic Church”

SUNDAY, 18 APRIL 2021; TONE 4 / EOTHINON 1

## Fifth Sunday of Lent Saint Mary of Egypt



ORTHROS, 8:45 AM • DIVINE LITURGY, 10:00 AM

PASTOR: Father Mark Sahady

ECCLESIAARCH: Michael Baum SACRISTAN: David Anderson

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Melanie Thompson, *Chair*  
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Markella Fousekas

### BULLETIN PART ONE – ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CHURCH FINANCES

#### March 2021 Income-Expense

Total Mar Income: \$11,575.00  
Total Mar Expenses: \$4,316.07  
Total Jan-Mar Income: \$24,504.10  
Total Jan-Mar Expenses: \$13,354.43

170 % of  
Monthly  
Stewardship  
Offering  
Goal Gained



#### March 2021 Income Breakout

Seminary Collection: \$261  
Memorial Income: \$1,100  
Stewardship Offerings: \$10,214

Thank you to all our parishioners, friends, donors and benefactors for your support.

“Blessed are the merciful for they will receive mercy (Mt 5:7). Express mercy by giving to others, whether it is money, food, strength, a helpful word, a prayer, or anything else you can. **We are collecting during Lent a specific type of food for Hall Township Food Pantry.** Bring to church, by next week, Ready to Eat or microwave food for youth—like Cups of Mac & Cheese, Cereal or PB Crackers. There are many youth at home alone who make their own meals. So far we collected and delivered 19 pounds of food to Hall Township Food Pantry.

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**Save yellow onion skins, bring them to Church and put them in the Freezer plastic bag by Palm Sunday (April 25) to dye Easter-Pascha Eggs red on Holy Friday.**

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**Parish Council Meeting Today Sunday, 18 April at 11:30 am**

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**Join in sending Paschal Greetings, through our 2021 Church Easter-Pascha Card, to all parishioners of Saint George Church and our friends near and far. Please make your donation check payable to “St George Church” by Today, Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> along with names to be printed on the Card for “Health” or “In Memory”.**

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**Please make checks payable to “St George Church” and return with this form to the Church by Today, Sunday, April 18, 2021.**

Indicate donation amount: \$20\_\_\_\_, \$50\_\_\_\_, \$100\_\_\_\_, Other\_\_\_\_,

Indicate the category and the names to be included in the 2021 Church Easter-Pascha Card. The name(s) will be included exactly as shown below. **Please print clearly.**

**CHOOSE ONE:**  For the Good Health of...  In Memory of...

Please PRINT Name(s) to display on card: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact Information:

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*Name Phone Email Address*

*Have a Blessed Lent and a Joyous Pascha Season!*

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**Congratulations to our new Mayor Melanie Thompson**

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**Next Sunday is Palm Sunday – Wear walking shoes for the Procession Outside**  
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**Nights of April 30 & 31 – Bring Flashlights to see feet during Procession Outside**

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- 6 – Bette Malooley, Sydney Thompson
- 12 – Christina Kapetaneas
- 14 – Rebecca Harshman
- 21 – Sarah Sanders
- 22 – Jeannie Leonard
- 25 – Jake Malooley

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**BULLETIN PART TWO – WORSHIP**

• **The “Glory” hymns at the end of Matins:**  
**THE DOXASTICON FOR FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT IN TONE ONE**

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.*

The kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness and asceticism with holiness. Wherefore, the rich do not enter it, but they who place their treasures in the hands of the poor. This doth the Prophet David teach, saying: The righteous man is he that doeth mercy all the day long; who delighteth in the Lord; and, walking in His light, stumbleth not. All this was written for our instruction, that we should fast and do good; and the Lord grant us heavenly things in place of earthly.

*Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

Most blessed art thou, O Virgin Theotokos, for through Him that was incarnate of thee is Hades despoiled, Adam is recalled from the dead, the curse is made void, Eve is set free, death is slain, and we are endowed with life. Wherefore, in hymns of praise, we cry aloud: Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, Who is thus well pleased, glory to Thee.

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• **The Hymns of the Day during the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great**

• *For the Third Antiphon, chant the Tone 4 Resurrectional Apolytikion below. Then the Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) is “O come, let us worship..., Who art risen from the dead...” After the Little Entrance, chant the apolytikia in the following order:*

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FOUR**

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

**APOLYTIKION OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT IN TONE EIGHT**

Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Mary; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

**APOLYTIKION OF SAINT GEORGE IN TONE FOUR**

Since thou art a liberator and deliverer of the captives, a help and succour of the poor and needy, a healing physician of the sick, a contender and fighter for the kings, O great among martyrs, the victory-clad George: Intercede with Christ God for the salvation of our souls.

**ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO**

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

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• **The Scripture of the day, following the Trisagion Hymn:**

**THE EPISTLE (For the Fifth Sunday of Great Lent)**

**Clergy:** Let us attend!

**Reader:** Make your vows and pay them to the Lord our God.

**God is known in Judaea. His Name is great in Israel.**

**Clergy:** Wisdom!

**Reader:** The Reading from the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Hebrews. (9:11-14)

**Clergy:** Let us attend!

**Reader: Brethren,** Christ having appeared a High Priest of the good things to come, through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; neither through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, entered in once for all into the holy place, having found eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of bulls and goats and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

**Clergy:** Peace be to thee, who readest.

**Reader:** And to thy spirit.

**Choir:** I waited patiently for the Lord; He attended to me and heard my supplication.

**All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**THE GOSPEL (For the Fifth Sunday of Great Lent)**

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark. (10:32-45)**

At that time, Jesus took His twelve Disciples, and began to tell them what was to happen to Him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the Gentiles. And they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit upon Him, and kill Him; and after three days He will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Him, and said to Him, "Teacher, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire" And Jesus said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And they said to Him, "Grant us to sit, one at Thy right hand and one at Thy left, in Thy glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized. But to sit at My right hand or at My left is not Mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be servant of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

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• **Instead of "It is truly meet" sing the Saint Basil Liturgy Megalynarion:**

In thee rejoiceth, O full of grace, all creation: the angelic hosts, and the race of men, O hallowed Temple and noetic paradise, glory of Virgins, of whom God was incarnate and became a little child, even our God Who is before all the ages; for He made thy womb a throne, and thy body He made more spacious than the heavens. In thee rejoiceth, O full of grace, all creation; and it glorifieth thee.

• **After “One is Holy, One is Lord...” & “I Believe O Lord and I Confess...” intone:**

O Christ the rich, Thou hast assumed poverty and enriched the human race with illumination and immortality. Therefore, enrich me, a poor man impoverished by the pleasures of life, with virtues. Establish me with Lazarus the poor, and deliver me from the punishments of the rich and Hades that is prepared for me.

I have become rich with evil in a miserable way. I have loved luxury, exploited the pleasures of life, and have come under the condemnation of the fire of Hades. I have slighted my mind, and am fashioned and cast down like Lazarus before the gates of divine deeds. Wherefore, have compassion on me, O Lord Master.

Let us believers begin with diligence the sixth week of the solemn Fast. Let us sing songs of offering for Palm Sunday, to the Lord coming in glory in Jerusalem, to cause death to die by His divine power. Wherefore, let us make ready the banners of victory, in true worship, and the branches of virtues, shouting, Hosanna to the Creator of all.

**Praise the Lord from the Heavens. O Praise ye Him in the Highest. Alleluia**

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**COMMEMORATIONS OF THE DAY** – of our Righteous Mother Mary of Egypt; of the Venerable John, disciple of Gregory of Decapolis; Venerable Euthymios and Athanasios of Aegina; Cosmas the Confessor, bishop of Chalcedon; New-martyr John of Epiros; and Venerable Euthymios, enlightener of Karelia.

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**PRAYER LIST:** Sarah Sanders, Richard Malooley, Dottie Malooley, Carrie Gonzalez  
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<b>Offering Schedule</b>	<b>Holy Bread - Memorial</b>	<b>Epistle Reader</b>
<b>Sunday, April 18</b>	Medawar & Sanders Families	Nick Medawar
<b>Sunday, April 25</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b>	Leonard & Panizzi Families Fish Fry Picnic	Kim Leonard
<b>Sunday, May 2, Pascha</b>		
<b>Sunday, May 9</b> <b>Mother’s Day</b>	<b>No Services</b>	<b>No Services</b>
<b>Sunday, May 16</b>	George & Mona Kaleel	
<b>Sunday, May 23</b>	David Anderson	
<b>Sunday, May 30</b>	Amelia Malooley Memorial	Ron Malooley

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**THIS FIFTH WEEK OF LENT’S SERVICES & EVENTS AT CHURCH**

**YouTube Events:** [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVy\\_\\_6R3xbIrx-UI8H63AUA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVy__6R3xbIrx-UI8H63AUA)

- Apr 17, Sat, 6 pm **Vespers** – [On YouTube](#)
- Apr 18, Sun, 8:45 am **Orthros**, 10 am Divine **Liturgy** – [On YouTube](#)  
**11:30 am Parish Council Mtg**
- April 19, Mon, **Grand Compline**, 7 pm.
- April 21, Wed, **Pre-Sanctified Liturgy**, 5:30 pm.
- April 22, Thur, **Paraklesis to St George**, 7 pm.
- April 23, Fri, **Lazarus Vespers with Canon**, 7 pm.
- April 24, Sat, **Lazarus Matins**, 9 am & **Divine Liturgy**, 10 am. (Palms Needed)  
 6 pm **Vespers** – [On YouTube](#)

Apr 25, Palm Sunday, 8:45 am **Orthros**, 10 am Divine **Liturgy** – [On YouTube](#)

**Zoom Events at:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5822049765>

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**April 25, Orthodox Palm Sunday Morning Services, Patriarchate Collection  
& Fish Fry Picnic, 11:15 am  
& Bridegroom Matins, 7 pm.**

**April 26, Holy Mon, Bridegroom Matins, 7 pm.**

**April 27, Holy Tue, Bridegroom Matins with Kassiani Hymn, 7 pm.**

**April 28, Holy Wed, Holy Unction, 7 pm.**

**April 29, Holy Thur, Mystical Supper at 9 am & Passion Gospel Matins at 7 pm.**

**April 30, Holy Fri, Royal Hours, 9-11 am  
& Tomb Decoration-Egg Dyeing, 12:30 pm.  
& Vespers, 3 pm,  
& Vigil at the Tomb, 4-7 pm.  
& Lamentation Matins, 7 pm.**

**May 1, Holy Sat, Vespereal Liturgy, 9 am.  
& Nocturnes at 10 pm, & The Light with Procession at 10:20 pm.  
& Matins, 10:30 pm.  
& Divine Liturgy, 11:30 pm.**

**May 2, Pascha Sunday, Bless Paschal Baskets, 00:30 am.  
& Agape Vespers with celebration of St George, 2 pm.  
& Easter Egg Hunt with Parish Picnic, 3 pm.**

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**May 9, Sunday, Mothers Day, NO SERVICES.**

**May 16, Sunday, Morning Services, Ladies Meeting, 11:30 am**

**May 25, Tue, Mid-Feast Vespers, 7 pm.**

**May 31, Mon, Memorial Day, Cemetery Memorial, 10 am & Parish Picnic.**

**June 9, Wed, Vigil for Ascension - Vespers at 6:30 pm & Matins at 7:30 pm**

**June 28, Mon, Vespers for Saints Peter and Paul, 7 pm.**

**July 4, Sunday, NO SERVICES**

**July 10-11, Sunday, Bishop Anthony Visiting**

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**Food for Hungry People & Charitable Outreach 47th Anniversary Campaign**

This year we celebrate **47** years of raising funds for our **FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE (FFHP)** Program. **During Holy Week and by the Feast of the Resurrection, please bring your collection boxes to Church or check to "St George" earmarked for the money to be sent to FFHP Coordinator Robin Lynn Nicholas.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18 "Hey Big Spender" drop a coin in the slot - give unto others what they haven't got! Put in a coin or bill of your choice.	19 How many heads of lettuce are in your refrigerator? Pay .30 for each. "Lettuce" show the hungry that we care.	20 Count the cans in your cupboard. Pay .05 for each. Don't let their cupboards be like "Old Mother Hubbard's!"	21 How many friends do you have on Facebook? Pay .05 for each friend. Let's be-"friend" those in need.	22 How many sweaters do you have? Pay .10 for each. Sweaters keep you warm. This is one time they won't mind if we "pull the wool over their eyes."	23 How many chairs are in your home? Pay .15 per chair. We can't just "sit" around when so many people are hungry.	24 How many cookbooks do you own? Pay .20 for each. We will be able to "cook up" a better recipe for the hungry to live by.

25 How many eggs are you going to color for Pascha? Pay .05 for each. Let's help "color" their world with love!	26 "Brother can you spare a dime?" or maybe two? The FFHP program really depends on you. Put your dimes in the box.	27 How many songs are on your playlist? Pay .05 for each song. Let's make this a "record- breaking" year for FFHP!!!	28 How many songs have you listened to today? Pay .15 for each. Let's stay "in tune" with the hungry.	29 How many crosses do you have? Pay .15 each. Crosses remind us of Christ's suffering, let's not make the hungry suffer anymore.	30 "A dream is a wish your heart makes," and our dream is for hunger to stop. For the wish that we are wishing, is for FFHP program to go over the top!	May 1 We pray you have been generous in your almsgiving. "For inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto ME!"
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**EPISTLE LESSON - Hebrews 9:11-14 by Mark Kern 2002**

The Tabernacle: The Epistle lesson speaks of Christ entering once for all into the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands and not of this creation. Comparing this to the tabernacle erected by Moses, Hebrews 8:5 says that the Levitical priesthood serves as a copy and shadow of the heavenly things and that Moses was instructed to “make all things according to the pattern shown him on the mountain”. And whereas the Levitical priesthood entered the copy every year (on the Day of Atonement) with the blood of animal sacrifices, so the Lord entered the true tabernacle once for all with His own blood (Hebrews 9:12-26). We have a boldness to approach the Throne of Grace, which is the Lord’s Body and Blood in the Lord’s Supper. From this we obtain mercy and grace (Hebrews 4:16). This boldness is confidence but not arrogance. An arrogant heart represents uncleanness and an evil conscience, not a true heart in full assurance of faith (Hebrews 10:19-22). The Epistle lesson concludes with “since we have this greater and more perfect tabernacle (i.e. the New Jerusalem, our resurrected bodies, etc.), how much more shall the blood of Christ cleanse our conscience from dead works to serve the living God” (Hebrews 9:14)? But what are dead works? Regarding works in general, the Last Judgment is unquestionably based on works of some kind: feeding, welcoming, clothing, visiting the members of Christ (Matthew 25:31-45) as we saw six weeks ago. The Hebrews being addressed had become lazy of hearing (Hebrews 5:11) so much so that they needed to go back to milk rather than partake of solid food (Hebrews 5:12-14). The dead works in this context are most likely related to people who came from or apostatized back to Judaism, but the lessons we learn go beyond that to any lifeless drifting from the Faith into nominal Christianity. This is something that anyone can drift into. We can go through the motions of fasting, attending church, doing charitable works just to look good before men. Coming at this time during Lent, today is a reminder that we also need to repent from dead works. He desires them to show diligence to the end and not become lazy. And he wishes them to imitate those who through faith and patience are inheriting the promises (Hebrews 6:11,12). The message here for us is that laziness in body or spirit can generate dead works. In this regard, we remember that whatever is not of faith is sin (Romans 14:23) and whatever is of sin is dead works. And we are encouraged to persevere in the fast until the end. Today’s Gospel lesson speaks of this humility and perseverance needed.

**This 6<sup>th</sup> and final week of Lent tracks the sickness and death of Lazarus, and Christ's journey from beyond the Jordan river to Bethany. This week is referred to as the "Week of Palms" or the "Flowery Week." Lazarus Saturday is summed up in the first sticheron chanted at vespers on Friday: Having completed the forty days that bring profit to our soul, we beseech Thee in Thy love for man: Grant us also to behold the Holy Week of Thy Passion, that in it we may glorify Thy mighty acts and Thine ineffable dispensation for our sakes, singing with one mind: O Lord, glory to Thee. During Friday vespers the reading of Genesis (which began on the first day of Great Lent) is concluded with the description of the death, burial and mourning of Jacob (Genesis 49:33–50:26) and then from Compline, a *Canon on the Raising of Lazarus* by Saint Andrew of Crete is sung; this is a rare full canon, having all nine canticles commemorating the Raising of Lazarus which foreshadows the Resurrection of Christ and a prefigures the General Resurrection. The Gospel interpreted in the hymns illustrates the two natures of Christ: his *humanity* in asking, "Where have ye laid him?" (John 11:34), and his *divinity* by commanding Lazarus to come forth from the dead (John 11:43). A number of the hymns relate Lazarus' death, entombment and burial bonds to the individual's sinful state. Many of the resurrectional hymns of the normal Sunday service are sung. During the divine liturgy, the baptismal hymn, "As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Romans 6:3) replaces the Trisagion indicating that this is a day on which baptisms are performed. Although the forty days of Great Lent end on Lazarus Friday, this day is still observed as a fast day; however, the fast is mitigated to allow consumption of fish, especially fish eggs (caviar) since eggs are a sign of the resurrection. **Lazarakia** are baked and eaten on Lazarus Saturday. The tradition is said to have originated in Cyprus where Lazarus was their first bishop. The bread is a mildly sweet Lenten bread made with sweet-smelling spices that looks like Lazarus bound up in grave clothes. **LAZARAKIA RECIPE:** One recipe makes 13 6-7" pieces. Ingredients: 4 & 1/2 tsp yeast, 12-14 cups unbleached all-purpose flour, 1 & 1/2 cups sugar, 3 tsp salt, 2 & 1/2 to 3 cups lukewarm water, 1/2 cup vegetable oil, 1 tsp. cinnamon, 1 tsp aniseed or anise extract, If desired also add: 1 tsp. mahleb or 1/2 tsp masticha. Directions: 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. 2. Dissolve yeast in 1/2 cup of the 2 1/2 – 3 cups lukewarm water. 3. Add sugar and salt and stir well. 4. Add remaining water, oil, cinnamon and 6 cups flour and stir the mixture until creamy. 5. Slowly add enough of remaining flour to make a medium dough. 6. Divide dough into however many Lazarakia you'd like and roll into logs. Cut slits for arms and legs. Cross arms across chest to look like a mummy and pinch-shape a head, then use whole cloves for eyes. 7. Place on slightly greased cookie sheets, cover with towel and let rise for about an hour or until almost doubled in size. 8. Bake cookies for 20-30 minutes. 9. While baking, boil aniseed and 1 cup water. When Lazarakia are finished brush top of cookies with this mixture and sprinkle with powdered sugar while still wet. This creates a type of glaze. **O holy Lazarus pray to God for us!** 🐣**